**Low investments under TRDP**

1812. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the persistent problems in the implementation of the IRDP is the low investment per family, if so, what are the average investments State-wise, and whether it is sufficient to raise the family's total income beyond the level of poverty line;

(b) whether Government would consider raising per family assistance to atleast Rs. 9000/-; and

(c) whether Government would also consider enhancing total availability of funds for IRDP for improving the quality of this programme and if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) One of the main shortcomings in the implementation of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) brought out in the findings of the Research Studies and Public Accounts Committee (PAC) report (April, 1987) is low level of investment under IRDP The Department has advised the State Government/DRDAs to prepare a package of projects for a family with higher level of investment so that the family assisted under the programme crosses the poverty line with one dose of assistance. The level of investment depends on apptitute of beneficiaries, projects for which assitstance is sought and absorbtive capacity of beneficiaries etc A statement indicating per family investment under IRDP for new families during 1987-88 and upto December, 1988 of the current year is attached (*See* Below).

(b) It is envisaged that assitstance under the programme should be adequate There is no celling on total level of investment However, assistance in the form of subsidy is 25% for Small Farmers, 33 ⅓% for Marginal Farmers, Agricultural Labourers and Rural Artisans and 50% for tribal participants. There is ceiling on subsidy of Rs. 3000 in normal areas, Rs 4000 in DPAP/DDP areas and Rs 5000 for tribal participants There is no monitory ceiling on minor irrigation projects and only percentage ceiling are applicable

(c) The funds for the programme is made on the basis of budgetary resources available. For the year 1989-90, an amount of Rs 390.00 crores has been provided in the Budget Estimate of Central budget for IRDP, Block Level Administration and Monitoring Cells etc. as against Budget Estimate of Rs. 355.00 crores for the year 1988-89. Of this Budget Estimate of Rs. 390.00 crores, an amount of Rs. 375 00 crores has been made for IRDP which is allotted to the States/UTs for implementation of IRDP during 1989-90 as against Budget Estimate of Rs. 345.00 crores for 1988-89

**Statement**

*Per family investment under IRDP for new families*

*(In Rs.)*

| Sl. No. | States/UTs | 1987-88 | 1988-89 (December, 1988) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 5189 | 5397 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 2373 | 2569 |
| 3. | Assam | 5480 | 6535 |
| 4. | Bihar | 4335 | 4930 |
| 5. | Goa | 7080 | 5688 |
| 6. | Gujrat | 3358 | 4008 |
| 7. | Haryana | 4498 | 4698 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 4695 | 4447 |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir | 4906 | 5240 |
| 10. | Karnataka | 4944 | 5179 |
| 11. | Kerala | 6197 | 6194 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 4446 | 5004 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 5501 | 5420 |
| 14. | Manipur | 3381 | 2037 |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 5063 | 5454 |
| 16. | Mizoram | 4753 | 2238 |
| 17. | Nagaland | 8391 | 9292 |
| 18. | Orissa | 2574 | 2917 |
| 19. | Punjab | 4755 | 5488 |
| 20. | Rajasthan | 3600 | 3815 |
| 21. | Sikkim | 4373 | 5613 |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu | 5674 | 5447 |
| 23. | Tripura | 5752 | 6617 |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 4993 | 5692 |
| 25. | West Bengal | 4875 | 5525 |
| 26. | A & N Islands | 5936 | 6284 |
| 27. | Chandigarh | Nil | Nil |
| 28. | D & N Haveli | 5201 | 4886 |
| 29. | Delhi | 4851 | 3610 |
| 30. | Daman & Diu | 4802 | 10274 |
| 31. | Lakshadweep | 7958 | 8028 |
| 32. | Pondicherry | 3595 | 3469 |
| | ALL INDIA : | 4470 | 5086 |